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SUBJECT:

Soviet Economic Motivation for the INF Accord

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While the resource implications of an INF agreement by itself are marginal, Gorbachev probably sees the larger arms control process as an avenue for constraining external pressures for enlarging the USSR's overall resource commitment to the military. He probably believes that successful conclusion of a major agreement with the current US administration would impart momentum to the process and create pressure for subsequent movement toward agreements on strategic offensive and defensive forces as the United States moves into an election year. If he fails to manage the US strategic competition politically, he would have to deal with it in ways that could subvert his economic agenda. We believe that he could not undertake a substantial growth in military spending in the next few years without abandoning much of his plans for industrial revitalization.

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I don't disagree with this but in the context of an INF piece the Shorn had reference could lead the need to resume real economic benefit from an INF agreement in a military perspective.

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